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SUBJECT: Interrogation of SD Officers.

TO : Commanding Officer, "S" Force, Verona.

1. Pursuant to your request Colonel Walter RAUFF, SD Chief for Northwest Italy, his adjutant, Captain Hans REINER of the SS, and Lt. Dr. Walter SEGHA of the SD, all three having reached this Headquarters from Milan in the evening of 30 April 1945 after surrendering to American officers there, were subjected to brief initial interrogation by Special Agents Alba H. Warren, Jr., and Gordon M. Messing of this Detachment for information of immediate CI interest. Results of the interrogation are given in this report.

2. Colonel Walter RAUFF, son of Otto RAUFF and Anna SAUERMEISTER, was born on 19 June 1906 in Koethen, Anhalt, Germany. He declared that on the evening of 30 April 1945 he had made an arrangement with Capt. E.G. Daedaris, Mq. Co., 2777 Regiment, OSS, APO 512, in Milan in order to avoid further bloodshed in Milan. RAUFF claimed to have had talks with the Milan OIC with the same end in view. He further stated that his efforts in this direction could be confirmed by Prof. KERSHAW and Mr. DULLEY, Allied agents in Switzerland. RAUFF stated categorically that he would never give any information dealing with the operations or personnel of SD or SS in this or any other region.

3. Captain Hans REINER, son of Hans REINER and Iente GSGHARD, was born on 2 February 1907 in Munich, and is the adjutant of Col. RAUFF. REINER told the same story of arrangements made between the OIC and the German Command in Milan. He stated that he had no connection with the SD, though he knew it had offices in Verona, Bolzano, Milan, Venice, Genoa, and Turin. Lt. Col. INCHI was Chief of the SD in Genoa; Capt. SCHMIDT had a corresponding post in Turin. In Verona, Sturmbannfuhrer NIKAN was adjutant for General ARSTER, Sturmbannfuhrer HYGEL was head of Abteilung VI; Dr. KRAUSCHKE was head of Abteilung IV and V. In Milan, 1st Lt. ZIMMER was in charge of Abteilung VI. REINER claimed to know nothing of operational plans of the SD or its ulterior intentions in Italy.

4. Lt. Dr. Walter SEGHA is the son of Joseph SEGHA and Maria REINISCH, born in Mesolombardo, Province of Trento, Italy, on 10 November 1909. He is an official dependant directly on General HARSTER, who has been operating as a spy-master and political manipulator from Cernobbio, Province of Como. SEGHA indicated that he would be willing to collaborate fully with Allied intelligence. It is considered likely that SEGHA should prove of interest to higher headquarters.

5. The three German officers either would not or could not offer information of immediate operational CI interest. They were lodged at the Albergo Accademia in Verona under CIC guard the night of 30 April-1 May 1945. On 1 May 1945,

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pursuant to orders from the G.O., "B" Force, Verona, they were taken to the  
Villafraanca air-strip, and from that point were taken by airplane to Florence  
to be turned over to 18th Army Group. Special Agent Gosswein of this Detach-  
ment accompanied them.

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